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H.B. No. 2490

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the system for maintaining records relating to children
3 in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective
4 Services.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 40, Human Resources Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 40.043 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 40.043. CASE TRACKING AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
9 SYSTEM. The department shall ensure that the department's case
10 tracking and information management system:

11 (1) locks information related to any stage of service
12 entered in a case narrative in the system by appropriate department
13 staff, representatives, or agents after approval by department
14 management;

15 (2) after information is locked in the case narrative
16 in the system as provided by Subdivision (1):

17 (A) prevents modification of the information by
18 any department staff, representative, or agent unless authorized by
19 order of a court; and

20 (B) allows appropriate department staff,
21 representatives, and agents to make supplemental entries to the
22 case narrative to update or provide additional information relevant
23 to the case; and

24 (3) for any substantive change to information in the

1 system, other than a change to the case narrative, requires the
2 identity of the person making the change and the date the change is
3 made to be included in the system.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.